PLANATION BY MR. ALVORD. ALBANY, Feb. 1.—The Senate at its session to-day passed the resolution introduced by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means yesterday, asking the Commissioners of the new Capitol to cease work on the exterior of the building. On motion of Mr. Morrissey the Finance Committee were directed to report within 10 days whether it would be wise to go on with the new

Mr. Schoonmaker presented a bill providing that con tracts or obligations made or entered into by a married woman (except between herself and husband) shall be as valid for all purposes as if she were unmarried, and may be enforced by and against her as if she were single. An important bill, entitled " An act to restrain brokers and individual bankers from imposing upon the public, and to protect the public from unauthorized banking," was introduced by Mr. Loomis. It provides that it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, or association doing business as brokers or private bankers within this State, not organized as a bank under the laws of the United States or under the State laws, to place over their place of business, or to inscribe upon any book, check, draft, certificate of deposit, or other paper the name of any county, city, village, town. lake, or any other device by which the public may be led to infer that the banking business of such a per, son or partnership is being conducted by a person or persons duly authorized to act as bankers under the laws

referred to above. Mr. Tobey presented a petition from Mr. S. Moffitt, agent and warden of the Clinton Prison, asking for an examination of the charges made against him by Sinclair Tousey of the Special Prison Commission in the report just made public. The subject of the petition was referred to the Committee on State Prisons, with power to send for persons and papers. The Scuate pas Cole's resolution, requesting the State Engineer to make inquiries relative to appliances for heating railroad cars without carrying fire in the cars, and to report the information obtained to the Senate.

Mr. Baker's bill providing for the salary of the Superin tendent of Public Works was reported favorably from the Canal Committee. Its provisions have already been given in THE TRIBUNE. There was only one change of importance made in the bill by the committee, and that was one making the Controller the paymaster of the Superintendent instead of the Auditor of the Canal

Insurance bills have been introduced at almost every session of the Assembly so far. To day was no exception. There were two bills and one resolution respecting insurance brought forward. The most important of the bills was presented by Mr. Grady. It provides that, in all cases where there shall hereafter be held an election of directors or trustees of any life insurance company organized under the laws of this State, no votes by proxy shall be allowed or cast, the proxies for which vote or votes have not actually been executed within three months prior to the date of such an election. Another section provides that no proxy shall hereafter be valid for the purposes of casting a vote or votes at any election of directors or trustees which has not been duly acknowledged as executed before some officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds. It also provides that when an election of trustees or directors of any life insurance company having a capital stock and organized under the laws of the State, such company is possessed of assets equal in value to at least double the amount of the capital stock of such a company, the policy-holders shall be authorized and em-powered to vote equally therefor with the stockholders. It expressly provides, however, that one half, if the board of directors or trustees shall consist of an even number, and if not, then one more than one half of said board of directors or trustees shall be ejected by the stockholders exclusively, and the other half or one less than half, as the case may be, elected exclusively by the the policy-holders. "Every holder of a policy of insurance in such company," it says, "shall be entitled in such election to cast one vote for each \$1,000 of insurance held under such policy, either in person or by proxy, duly executed within the time prior to such election. Parts of \$1,000 of insurance shall not be estimated in voting. One of the tellers authorized to receive and count the votes at any such election shall be appointed by the superintendent of the insurance department, and shall be a person not an officer, employé, stockholder, or policy-holder in the company."

Mr. H. H. Rockweil also submitted an Insurance bill It provides that in an action against an insurance company doing business in this State for the recovery of any sum upon a policy issued by it and claimed to have a erned by reason of the death of the assured, such a life insurance company shall not be entitled to avail itself as n defense of any alleged breach of warranty or false representation made by the assured at and before the I suing of such a policy, where the same shall have been in force, or the company shall have received the premium thereon for more than five years. Mr. Purdy offered the following, which was laid on the

Whereas, The recent failures of life insurance

nies, and the disclosures attending thereon, have created much anxiety and alarm in the public mind respecting the solvency, business stauding, and practices of life in-surance companies doing business in this State, there-

fore Resolved. That a special committee of five be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, and to empower competent expert assistants to examine into the practices and condition of the life insurance companies authorized to do business in this State, and to report to this House as soon as practicable what remedial legislation, if any, is necessary for the protection of the life insurance interests of the people.

Mr. Langbein introduced an important bill in relation to New-York. It provides in brief terms that the Mayor henceforth shall appoint the heads of departments and commissioners in New-York, and also all members of any board or commission authorized to superintend the repair of any building belonging to or to be paid for by the city, whether named in any law or appointed by any Every head of department thus appointed is to hold his office for the term of six years, an in each case until a person is duly appointed in his place. The terms of office of the new heads of depart place. The terms of office of the new heads of departments, if the act passes, will begin on May I next. The act also provides that the Mayor may be removed from office by the Governor in the same manner as sheriffs. The Mayor himself may remove the heads of departments with the approval of the Governor, but must state in writing* to the officer removed the cause of his removal. Mr. Healy presented a bill which would abolish the present Dock Commissioners and substitute for them an officer to be known as the Superintendent of Docks. This new officer would be appointed by the Mayor.

Not discouraged with the cold reception by the Scuate of his resolution for the appointment of a committee to draw up a bill to prevent the injurious amalgamation of insurance companies, Schator Bixby has drawn up a bill for the same purpose. It merely modifies slightly the present clause of the insurance law regarding amalgamations. It provides that in reinsuring policies in another company the policies must be reinsured individuily. This will prevent policies being transferred to other companies in built, and will give individual policy-bolders an opportunity to resist such a transfer. The most important feature of the proposed law is one prohibiting the reinsurance of any policy in another company after it has been six months on the books of a company.

Mr. George S. Coe, President of the American Exchange National Bank, made a long and very foreible argument In favor of the bill reducing the taxation on banks. Mr. J. D. Vermilve, President of the Merchants' Exchange National Bank, made a short speech in favor of the bill 180. before the Committee on Ways and Means this afternoon.

LECTURES AND MEETINGS. The second of the series of bullad concerts for the beneft of the deafture pose will be given by Miss Arabella Root, at Association Hall, this evening. She will be assisted by Madaine Brachi, F. W. Jameson, Otto Soidar, and Frenzy

At the annual meeting of the American Institute at evening, by laws were read for the government of the untitute in accordance with the charter, and were ordered unted. The Treasurer's report showed that a celecting at existed on second of the Centernial Existing, which do to be made good by the sale of \$5,000 in dovernment ands. The present assets are \$220,750.

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At the regular meeting of the Bourd of Managers of the Frodere Exchange vesteraday, Munroe Crane was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Horatio Reccl. John 6. Dane, Frederick Meissner, and 9. C. Rogert were appointed the Complaint Committee. In regard to a resolved to request the "Canal Board to take such steps as shall in their judgment be deemed but calculated to enable the Err Canal to bring the products of the West through to the scatsoard at the lowest possible cost of transportation." The Erre Canal is quoted as not being designed for revenue, but to secure to the state indirect and larger rewards which cover from the cantrol of commerce The views of Gov. Robinson on the question of tolls in his message are supported.

At the annual meeting of the New-York Yacht Cinb, held last evening at the club-house, Madison-ave, and Twenty-aeventh-at, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: S. Nicholson Kane, Commodore, Janes Still, man. Vice-Commodore; J. J. Alexandre, Reac Commodore; Charles A. Minton, Secretary; Sueplard Homans, Trassurer; A. Cary Smith, Measur r; Dr. G. S. Winston, Fleet Surgeon, Regain Committee—George L. Holgit, William Brobs, and Charles H. Stebbins. House Committee—Fletcher Westray, A. M. Caroon, N. D. White, J. O. Proudit, and H. N. Alden, Committee on Admissions—A. S. Hatch, W. H. Thomas, Robert Center, John D. Draper, and Charles H. Stebbins. An amendment to the constitution was ratified, providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified, providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified, providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified, providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified, providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified, providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified, providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified, providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified providing that no amendment to the constitution was ratified and provided the multiple of a club-house multiple of the constitution of the constitution

was referred to a committee of five to report at a special meet-ing two weeks hence. It was decided to hold the annual re-gatta on June 14. Four new members were elected.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

INTERCOLLEGIATE CONVENTION. RULING OUT SPECIALISTS FROM FUTURE CONTESTS-MARKED CHANGES PROPOSED IN THE ASSOCIA-

The Intercollegiate Literary Association met esterday in convention at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Pursuant to action taken at the last convention, a joint committee of students, presidents of the colleges connected with the association, and a number of other gentlemen interested in its work assembled in the morning. There were then present Dr. McCosh, Dr. Crosby, Gen. Webb, Dr. Campbell, President Brown, C. T. Lewis, C. W. Field, and others. This joint committee adopted certain suggestions which were reported to the convention of students at 2 p. m. At this convention only students were present. The following colleges and universities were represented: Hamilton, Wesleyan, North-Western, Cornell, Syracuse, University of the City of New-York, College of the City of New-York, Rutgers, St. John's, and Williams. Dr. McCosh was present for a few moments, and said, briefly, in regard to the suggestions prescuted, that they had received the unanimous approbation of the joint committee. He added that it was now necessary to put the association on a permanent basis, and such a basis as would command confidence; otherwise it could not be hoped that any endowment fund would be raised. In imiting the membership to students for the degree of Bacheler of Arts it had been the aim of the committee to put all students entering on the same basis. No one liked to compete except with his peers. None should be allowed in the lists who had entered special courses, but only those who had given attention to general culture. He thought this object was obtained by limiting the competitors to students for the degree of A. B. Finally, to secure permanency, the association should have a representation of faculty, students, and fellows.

Dr. McCosh then withdrew and the delegates began their deliberations, Eugene Frayer of Cornell presiding. There was a protracted discussion upon the first sugges tion, to limit the membership of students to enadidates for the degree in arts. It was argued that this was too conservative a basis and excluded students in courses as thorough as the classical. On the other hand, it was laimed that a line must be drawn somewhere, and if it included others than those studying for this degree it could not exclude any. Thus the end of the association would not be attained, as specialists would be the main competitors. Finally it-was decided that, as far as the students were concerned, membership should be limited to those "pursuing a course for their first degree," or to those who had taken their first degree within a year, and to avoid vitinting the aims of the association all competitors would be obliged to submit to examiners a statement showing the studies they had pursued. The examiners would then decide if the applicant were a proper person to enter the ligits. The other points of the suggestions did not meet much objection, and in the main were as follows: The association will sent in a members, in addition to students, representatives from the faculties of the associated colleges, and a new element—Fellows. These Fellows will consist of all who have been examiners of candidates for honors, all who have been examiners of candidates for honors, all who have been examiners of candidates for honors, all who have been examiners of candidates for honors, all who have been examiners of candidates for honors, all who have been examiners of candidates for honors, all who have been examiners of the association will be vested in a board of regents, to consist of one representative from each faculty interested, one student elected by the jundor and senior classes of each association will be vested in a board of regents, to consist of one representative from each faculty interested, one student elected by the jundor and senior classes of each association will be vested in a board of regents all levels to be chosen by themselves. The general olleges shall be by proxy.

A committee of five was then appointed to put the suggestions in shape and report to the executive committee of the association. The committee of the very to perform the final discussions of the delegates whether or not their action in regard to the incorporation of these chances in the constitution were final and binding upon the colleges which they represented. The opanion prevalled, apparently, that future action might be Laken, at least, by the present executive committee of the association. then decide if the applicant were a proper

THE WATER FRONT.

CONCLUSIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMERCIAL COM-MITTEE-DOUBLE-TRACK STEAM RAILWAYS FA-

VORED. The second meeting of the special committees appointed by the Council of Political Reform and the commercial bodies of this city was field at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Gustav Schwab, who presented the report of Committee No. 1 in relation to the Docks on Monday, stated that Mr. Wales, President of the Dock Commission, had charged that the committee's figures of expenditures were 'erroneous. He said that he would propose to defer the adoption of the report to give the Dock Commissioners an opportunity of showing them where these calculations were in error, and unless such errors could be proved, the committee would maintain that the figures report were essentially correct. He desired to have the commissioners invited to meet with the committee and investigate the accounts with them, and a motion to that effect was adopted. Ez-Mayor Opdyke said that he had received a letter from Mr. Wales, charging that the flaures of the committee were error he deferred reading the letter as it was not as courteous as the report of the committee. The resolution submitted at the last meeting, asking for an ordinance to authorize the Beit Railroad to perm't its tracks to be used at night for freight cars transported by steam, was

The report of Committee No. 2, appointed to consider the proper width of the streets, and the question of terainal facilities for the benefit of commerce, was presented by Seth Low. The report states that other cities, sented by Seth Low. The report states that other cities, more favorably shaped and better situated for the approach of ratiroads than New-York, have greater facilities for brancing the railroad car from every part of the Union to the door of the warchouse and to the side of the ship. The problem for saving the cost and handling of and than shipping mercannilse is to make the water-streets of the city of such a width as to permit all necessary railroad accommodations. The committee recommends that the Legislature be petitioned to repeal the present malkhead line of Wost-st., except for that portion of the him between Canal and Weat Eleventh-sis, where the buildhead is partially completed; and for the rest of the river-street, southward and northward, to fix the buildhead line at 200 feet from the casterly side of the street, and that the width of the water-street on the East River be fixed at 100 feet. It as assumed that when the streets are thus broadcred they-shall receive a double-track freight railway for the use of all railroads having depots in the city. The committee claims that under the present progress of the book bepartment it will take over 100 years to complete the improvements in does facilities according to the present plan, which is too slow to mest present emergencies. The stone buildhead system is condemned and crip builsheads recommended. The report points out the danger of delay, stating that while New-York is considering what to do, other cities are taking away the trade. Steps are recommended to be taken to ascertain whether any of the mirkets or existing obstructions on the river-streets are filegal, with a view of complelling their removal. The report is signed by Jeremiah P. Robinson, James M. Kequa, Thomas Scott, John P. Townsend, and Seth Low.

The conference adjourned until Wednesday, Peb. 7, at ore favorably shaped and better situated for the ap-

seth Low.

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ACTION OF THE ALDERMEN.

SE OF ASHES AND STREET-SWEEPINGS -- ATTACK ON COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL - COURT-HOUSE

CHARGES-HEATING STREET CARS. In the Board of Aldermen yesterday, Alderman Morris offered a resolution, which was laid over, to request the President of the Harbor Commissioners on the part of the State, the Presidents of the Department of Police and Docks, and the Corporation Counsel, on the part of the city, and Gen. John Newton, on behalf of the United States Government, to consider the advisability of using the ashes and sweepings of the streets of this city to fill up the estuary that separates Ward's Island from Randall's Island and that known as the "Kills," and the marshy land adjoining those islands.

Alderman Tuomey presented the following resolution ith a long preamble about the charter's requiring city officers to give all their time to their municipal daties: officers to give all-their time to their municipal daties:

Pselced. That the Mayor be requested to inquire whether
Alian Campbel, Commissioner of Public Works, is now holding and-attempting to discharge the duties of the two offices
of Commissioner of Public Works and of President of the Consolidates Coal Company, and if he finds he is so attempting to
discharge the duties of both of said offices, that he request aim
to resign either the position of Commissioner of Fublic Works
or the position of President of the Consolidated Coal Company,
amid sir. Campbell neglects or remess to resign either the
one or the other of these two positions, that the Mayor taxe
the necessary measures prescribed by law to remove him from
Lis position of Commissioner of Fublic Works.

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Aldermen Touney and Bryan Reilly supported the resoldtien. Alderman Reilly said that it had been reported to him that the son of Commissioner Campbell had spoken of the Board of Aldermen as an "Irish rabble," who wished to control the office of the Commissioner of Public Works. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

The Mayor was requested to ascertain the feasibility of onstructing by private capital an underground railroad, starting at or near the City Hall, and connecting with the rapid transit trains now running on the Harlein road.

The committee on the charges of Robert Cushing against the Third District Court-house Commissioners nade majority and minority reports, which were laid made insjority and moothly open were of opinion that the commissioners and architects should have discount chanced the payment to the architect's clerks of the commission for bills of quantities. They thought Commissioner Porter acted improperly in borrowing

THE MURDEROUS BROOKLYN STRIKERS. ONE MAN KILLED BY THEM AND SEVERAL OTHER BADLY INJURED-THE STRIKERS' PROCESSION

DISPERSED BY THE POLICE. The strike of the Brooklyn grain heavers ontinued yesterday, but, except in one instance, the authorities prevented any violence. At the meeting of the strikers on Wednesday evening it was determined that a procession should take place. Yesterday morning between 800 and 1,000 men formed in line, headed by band of music, in the southern part of the city, and passed through the streets by the warehouses to Cathe rine Ferry, where it was dispersed by officers. At each of the elevators the strikers halted and attempted to make an attack upon the workmen, but squads of police men drove them back. When this parade was over the strikets gathered in groups along the streets in the vicinity of the warehouses and spent the day in talking over what they considered their wrongs. About 15 of the strikers effected an entrance into Woodruff & McLean's elevator of the Franklin stores, at Atlantic Dock, and proceeding to the second story of the building, as caulted the workmen with bricks and stones, knocking three of them senseless upon the floor and bruising sev eral others. The menumost severely injured were Jacob Schreiber of No. 96 Greenwich-st., face and scalp cut; Louis Live of No. 18 Greenwich-st., head badly cut and nose broken; Frederick Heberling of 20 Greenwich-st., cheeks cut open and back sprained; Louis Lachman of No. 18 Greenwich-st., severely cut on face and body. These men all reside in New-York. All were taken home except Lachman, who was removed to the Long Island College Hospital, where he died last night. few of the heavers were employed in the store

few of the heavers were employed in the store yesterday, and the doors all being thought securely lastened, no policemen were stationed at the time in the immediate neighborhood. The noise of the affray, however, drew the officers of the company and workmen from the other floors of the building, and the strikers were driven out. No arrests could be made, as the assailants could not be identified in the crowd of several humaired people which quickly assembled near the docks. It is thought by the warehousemen that one of the strikers made his way into the elevator and opened the door through which the assailants entered.

It was reported in the aftermoon that the warehouses at the Aliantic Dock had restored the old wages of 25 cents an hour, but this rumer was found to be fulse. A few workmen were employed at Atlantic Dock at the old rates to load a vessel which was to sail last night. The warehousemen paid only 20 cents an hour, the other five cents being paid by the owners of the vessel. As soun as this work was done the men were discharged, and the amnouncement was made that the reduction made has blonday would continue in force. The strikers are undoubtedly suffering on account of the strike, but hast night expressed themselves as determined to resist the enting down of their wages. The warehousemen, it is stated, are suffering much inconvenience through the inexperience of the men, the work being slowy and in many instances imperfectly done. stated, are suffering much inconvenience through the inexperience of the men, the work being slowly and in many instances imperfectly done. The carrying of the new men in tugbouts to and from New-Yorg involves considerable expense, which is increased by the dimers which have to be brought to the warehouse for them. The warehousemen, however, say that they must continue the reduction. The proprietors of the several smar warehouses in South Brooklyn announced a reduction in wages yesterday, whereapon a scote or so of workmen in each house struck. It is thought that a general strike will take place among the workmen to-day.

A MOTHER KILLED BY HER SON. AN INSANE LABORER BEATS HIS MOTHER TO DEATH

AND WOUNDS HIS SISTER. A terrible domestic tragedy was enacted between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday morning at Egbert's Corner, a small hamlet a short distance from the New Dorp station on the line of the Staten Islam! Ratiroad, in the town of Middletown. For a number of years past there had lived, in a small, old-fashioned frame house au Irish woman named Mrs. Anna Dolan, with an un partied daughter and son, aged respectively 30 and 35 years. Another son resided in the neighborhood. Mrs. Dolan was 70 years old. The name of the son who lived with her is Patrick, alias "Curley " Dolan. Patrick had been absent from home all night and returned about the near indicated. He-appears from some cause to have been in a furious mood, for going up states he tore down the stair-rail, and making a club of one of the balasters rushed into the room where his mother and sister were deeping. He began a murderous attack upon his sister. who lay upon the foot of the bed upon which her mothe was sleeping. He struck her a number of blows on the head, inflicting dangerous wounds. Eluding his grasp as he attempted to seize her, she rushed past him down stairs and succeeded in reaching the house of a neighbor

The infuriated man then turned upon his mother, who still lay in the bed. He appears to have beaten her to insensibility, and to have continued his blows until she ess dead. When found, her bruised and mangled body was lying upon the snow outside the house, where he had oughly dragged it. There were herrible wounds upon the side of the head and face, the skull was crushed in and blood was splashed all over the bedroom floor and down the stairs to where she lay. Apparently still uner's mangled body upon the snow, pursued his sister to Mr. Curry's house, and there made another attempt upon her life with an ax, which he picked up at the woodpile. Mr. Curry had been aroused by this noise, however, and interferred to save the woman, when the unitrated wretch tuned upon hira and wounded him severely, though not seriously, with the ax on the side of the head. By this time all the people in the neighborhood were aroused. Four other men were soon at the scene, and with their assistance Mr. Curry smooded in securing the murderer. They were aided also by Nolan's brother. The murderer was bound hand and foot, placed upon a wood-side, and taken, before Justice Machan, at Richmond, who ordered him to be locked up in the County Juli pending investigation. Coroner Demosey of New-Mighton was called to hold the incurest. He respanded a larry, who reviewed the dead body or Mrs. Noisn and the scene of the murder, and further proceedings were ad-Mr. Curry's house, and there made another attempt upon

seeme of the matter, the greatest excitement in the murder created the greatest excitement in the murder created the greatest excitement in the The murder created the greatest excitement in the quiet neighborhood, it being the first ever committed in the town, and people flocked to the place from all directions. Polan is represented by the neighbors to have been a quiet and inoffensive man—only indulging occasionally in a drunken spree. There is little doubt, however, that Dolan has for some time been insane, but the disease did not develop itself in dangerous form until the night of the murder. It is now learned that a warrant had been issued for his arrest and examination for lunacy, and Dr. Millsburg was appointed to make the examination.

MAKING A THEATER SAFE.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS AND PRECAUTIONS AT AT THE UNION SQUARE. Extensive improvements have been made in

the Union Square Theater in providing against all danger from fire either to the audience or the building, and the proprietors believe it to be now absolutely safe. The cans of exit are simple. There are three scrarate pas sages from the parquet to Fourteenth-st., one by the road lobby and one leading from the head of each side aisle. Wide doors swinging outward afford easy access to the exits. One of these side passages leads through the lobby of the Union Place Hotel, the other through what was formerly Mr. Paimer's office, and both are straight and direct. The original exit from the dress circle was by the statrease leading down into the front lobby. There has been added a broad doorway which communicates by a new iron bridge with the wide hallway of the building at No. 850 Broadway, and through this with the street. This Broadway exit is now commonly used by persons occupying scats exit is now commonly used by persons occupying seats in the lower part of the dross circle. From the gatlery a similar passage has been opened to Broadway, and two exits of good size have been made to Fourteenth at. In addition, two doors, one on either side, leading to the adjoining roofs, may be used in extreme cases. Completions signs call the attention of persons leaving the theater to the various exits, and men are employed whose sole dify at each performance is to see that every door is open and every passage clear. All the scenery, oid and new, has been rendered incombustible by the application of a solution of tungstate of soda. Every facility has been provided for extinguishing a fire. Under the front of the parquet is a hose leading from a capacitus tank on the roof, and an effective stream of water can be used whenever it may be needed. A second hose has been placed under the orchestra. Back of the stage is a stationary chemical tank, with an extinguishing power of 6,000 gallons of waiter, which is connected by pipes with every part of the building, and there are Babcock fire extinguishers distributed over the theater. By means of an automatic telegraph a fire in the theater will be instantly amounteed at the station. There is a complete system of electric signals between all parts of the theater. All the lose in the building and every stop-cock are to be theoroughly tried every week, and a report is to be made to the manager; the fire-buckets are to be kept init of water at all times; only the borders, drops, cic., in actual use are to be kept in the flies; all parts of the theater are to be clear of unashally inflammable materials, and the carpenters and property men will be regularly drilled in the use of the fire extanguishers. Mr. Palmer said yesterday: "We have done not only what the fire inspectors lastructed us to do to render that theater safe, but everything else that we can think of." in the lower part of the dress circle. From the gatlery a

HOME NEWS

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY AT HUDNUTS IN 9 a. m., 41°. Noon, 44°. 3 p. m., 49°. Midnight, 42°. Highest during the day, 52°. Lowest, 38°. Average, 43°4°. Same day, 1876, 37°4°.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS. St. James Hotel—The Hon John M. Francis of Troy

Everett House—Capt. Edmund Molynen of the British

army and Daniel Magone, Chairman of the New York Democratic State Committee. Fifth Accous Hotel—William Stick
ney of the U. S. Indian Commission. Westminster Hotel—The

Rev. Dr. Wood of Privated Mass.

NEW-YORK CITY. Be not gulled by the street organ's refrain: Spring The three-story hat is frowned upon by fashion able ladies at the theater; its successor is a close-fitting little

The cheap lodging-house keepers have men on the streets till long after midnight distributing handbills in an en-

leavor to gather in the straggling tramps. Deputy Coroner Croker made a post-mortem exmination of the remains of Elan Ah Fong at the Morgue yes

erday. The inquest will be held in the early part of next A seizure of 350 cigars and 500 bundles of cigaettes was made yesterday on the steamer City of New-York

from Havana by officers connected with special Agent Brack Controller Kelly will to-day pay the Fire Depart

ment salaries for January, amounting to \$87,034 28; also the salaries of the Department of Charities and Correction for Janary, amounting to \$21,260 43. The Commissioners of Charities and Correction

awarded contracts yesterday to Studwell, Sanger & Co. for 1,000 sides of leather and to several firms for hardware, crock ery, and other goods in small amounts. Superintendent Walling yesterday sent out a gen eral order to the captains of the precincts to enforce to the let-ter the laws of the Department of Buildings in reference to the placing of camp stools in the aisles of the theaters.

James H. Thornton, colored, who "stole the livery of Heaven to serve the devil-in," and won the hearts of colored

damsels in the guise of a preacher, has been sent to jail for three months for stealing a cont from John Brooks. The business of cross-walk sweeping is quite active now. The small mammalia who engage in this pursuit are ond of Wall-st., the proverbial lav.shness of brokers in the

matier of coppers being well known and appreciated. Sections of the temporary foot-bridge were laid etween the two towers of the East River Bridge yesterday. It is estimated that it will take about a week to complete th oot-bridge, as 200 feet are to be placed in position daily.

Chief Engineer Campbell of the Department of Public Works says that there is no cause for alarm in regard to the condition of the Croton Aqueduct. It is under careful ection, and no assures in the masoury have been dis

Mails for Para, Pernambuco, Bahia, Rio Janeiro Montevideo, and Buenos Ayres will close at 6:30 p. m. to-day at the Post-Office, and will then be dispatched to Wilmington, at the Post-to the steamship Aropexy, which will sail to mor row for Brazil and the River Plata.

Mrs. John Wood has marked a new departure in her artistic career by adopting the line of business known as "eccentric old ladies," commencing with Lady Franklin in "Money," and her impersonation of the Princess in "The Danicheffs" has won for her the title of " the Fanny Morant of Mrs. Fanny Barrow of No. 30 East Thirty-fifth-st.

acknowledges with hearty thanks; large package of new and excellent clothing from E. B.; mother, centaining children's new stockings and clothing, anonymous; and still another, with good men's and women's hats. All these will be given to the deserving poor, who have been sought out and are in great A well-dressed man called yesterday at a privathouse in West Thirty third st., and stated to the servant that the gentleman of the house had told him to await his coming

in the parior. The servant refused to admit the man, who pre tended to become indignant, and wanted to force an entrance. No such engagement had been made, and the incident should erve as a warning against a similar attempt. The annual report of the Bank Clerks' Mutual Benefit Association shows the present membership to be 1.079 the admissions during the year numbering 63. The receipts from fees, dues, interest, &c., were \$19,182 20.

Among the various private bequests to the permanent fund was a gift of \$2,000 from Mrs. A. T. Stewart. The total assets the association now amount to \$72,258 18. As Christopher Davison of the eanal-beat Kate Fries, lying in Atlantic Basin, took out his pecket-book a Hamilton Ferry last night to ney his ferriage to Brooklyn, an nuknown man snatched the pocket book, containing \$36, and

ran away. Davison pursued the thief until he came to No. 19 'earl-st., when he dodged tato the basement and disappeared Petty has a clew to the robber. Park Lodg: of Freemasons, numbering about 150, ssembled at the Pennsylvania Railroad depot, Jersey City. vesterday morning to receive the body of Signor Blitz from Hadelphia and escort it to Cypress Hills Cometery, wher the burnal took place. He leaves a wife and two daughters,

who will continue to reside at Philadelphia, where the de-ceased had concluded to make his permanent home. The detectives of the Central Office have arrested William Campbell and William Dale, two notorious car thieves of the East side lines. They were arrested yesterday morning as they were about to commence operations on the passer persof a crowded Fourth ave. car in Murray Hill tennel. William E. Johnson, a down town merchant, who was robbee or a gold watch and chain, will appear against them. Gen. Sherman, Judge Brady, William B. Astor,

Judge Donohae, Commissioner Dunlap, Chief-Justice Daly, Wheater the Countries Bressant, Clarence Sex Knox, Oakey Hall, Dion Bowciczull, Charles A. Daoa, and the Hon. S. S. Cox have been prominent among the audiences as-sembled at the Fifth Avenue Theater to laugh at "Lemons." A curious little instrument for detecting counter-

feit coins has just been invented, and is exhibited in a store on Nasaduest. The suspected coins are dropped into a sort of hep-per, where they are weighed, and if found lacking they fall down into a lower receptacie, where they are still further tested. After passing through these processes a counterfeit piece is badly scarred, while a genuine coin comes out with de a few acratelies. Herman Hoepfner, for the past four years city

editor of the New Yorker Stante-Zeitung, died yesterday after-noon, after an illness of two weeks, at his residence, No. 202 East Thirteenth-st. He was in his slith year, and was for merly one of the editors of The Baltimore German Correspond ent. He leaves a wife and two children. The funeral will take place on Sauthday next, at 1 p. m., from his late residence in East Thirteenth st. Since Jan. 1 suicides and other items important to

he cress and to the public have been suppressed at the Cot wer's office. Several private inquests have been held and th papers have not appeared on the files in the office. A deputy coroner told the reporters that in his epition it was "subversive of public morality" to have the newspapers publish suicides. According to this policy the suicide of Charles S Clark, at Crook's Hotel, was given as a "sudden death." At the Tombs Police Court yesterday, Peter Quian

was arraigned on a charge of the robbery of an overcost, valued at \$5, from John Kane, a boy 6 years old, of No. 86 Gentre at, whom he abducted to an obscure alley in the vicinity of Wash ngton Market, on Jan. 20, by giving him a silver quarter. He was arrested by Officer Moran, and identified in the Fourteenth Precinct Station liouse by the boy, aithough be had shaved of his whiskers. He is nearly 60 years of age and of unpreposess-ing appearance. But was required in \$2,000. George W. Wilson, in defense of his course in the

suit brought against Rufus W. Fint, "the tea-kettle medium," by his wife, says that his withdrawal from the case was due to the conviction of his client's misrepresentations of fact. He tates that the letter read by John D. Townsend in court of Jan 16 was sent by him to Fint through wistake, and the latter was requested to return 11, but refused. Re-declares that he did everything in his power for Mr. Flint until Judge Brady gave a decision in the case, when he tendered to his dient his resignation as counsel.

Officers McConnon and Gaylord of the Twentieth Precinct were put on trial before the Police Commissioners resterning charged with playing cards in a distillery in Forty-irst-st, on the night of Dec. 2, 1876, when forty-four barre's of Mrstad, on the angular Dec. 2, 1800, whisky were removed from the custody of the United States Marshal, who had the place in charge. An assault was made at the time upon the United States officers, and it is alleged that the policemen made no effort to arrest the a-minute. Testimony to this effect was given by James Shaw and Philicommings, marshuls, and James Carroll and Timothy Shay The case was then adjourned until next Thursday.

Capt. Lowery of the lately abandoned Sixth Presinct, at the roll-call yesterday morning announced to the off ors and sergeants the decision of the Board of Police Com nissioners in breaking up the old Sixth and transferring the nen to different stations. Twenty-six men, were ordered t the Fourth and 28 to the Fourteenth Precincts, while the cap tain, sergeants, roundsmen, and 13 officers will remain on duty intil ordered elsewhere. The men will be paid for the mont of January to day. The precinct was organized in 1845, and was long known as the " Bloody Sixth."

Mrs. Caroline S. Brooks, whose model, in butter, of the "Dreaming Tolanthe" attracted so much attention a he Centennial, Exhibition, is now at work on a new study which she hopes to have completed to morrow. The butter by ontinued exposure to a uniform temperature of 62 degree oon acquires a solidity sufficient for modeling purposes. The new study is a head in alto retieve, and is remarkable for sweet ness of expression and beauty of finish. The "Iolanthe," which was modeled in an ordinary milk pap, is in a state of perfect preservation, being inclosed in a frame packed with The Department of Buildings is conducting a ger

eral inspection of all the buildings in the city. The inspectors are required to report upon each building separately, its contition, the materials of which it is composed, etc. There are the lately annexed portion. It is estimated that this inspection will take about two months. Many violations of law have been discovered and several unsafe buildings condemne When it has been finished the inspectors will be required to examine every building in their respective districts at least

once a month, thus keeping the whole city under constant an-

Burglars entered the dry goods establishment of Messrs. Cook, Valentine & Co., at No. 412 Broadway, yester day morning, in the temporary absence of the night watch-man. They packed up \$300 worth of dress silks, silk twist, cassimeres, &c., and decamped within 30 minutes after entering. The expected arrival of the clerks at 8 o'clock doubtless d their work, as they left many valuable pieces of silk BROOKLYN.

Tax Collector Furey began the labors of the year 1877 by collecting \$640,918 61 during the month of January. Edwin Frances of No. 58 First-st. yesterday went to sleep in a bedroom in the rear of Jacob Blume's grocery, at Ninth and Second sts., and shortly after was found dead on

John McCombs, a painter, was yesterday boiling a ettle of turpentine and wax at No. 83 Orange at., when it exploded, blowing out the front window of the shop, but injuring

The supply committee of the Kings County Board of Supervisors, after the adjournment on Wednesday, voted an appropriation for the purchase of 1,000 tons of coal for distribution to the poor through the Charity Commis

The North Second-st. improvement seems in a fair way of completion. Judge Gilbert yesterday granted a writ of Board of Assessors of the city, directing them to proceed forthwith and assign a dis-

The continued warm weather has broken up the ice and spoiled the skating on the lakes. This has only in-creased the crowds at the Brooklyn roller-skating rink. At the second grand fete, given last evening, Allen Smith won the single foot prize and Miss Lillie Bagley the diamond ring.

It has been rumored that Joseph C. Cooper of No. 169 South Elliott-place has been recommended to Gov. Robinson for the position of State Prison Inspector. Mr. Cooper himself, however, is of the opinion that Mr. Pillsbury. warden of the Albany Penitentiary, will receive the no At the house of Lazarus Israel, No. 195 Carlton

ave., on Wednesday, a servant, who had occasion to go up stairs, was seized by a burgiar, who threatened her life if she cried out. Her screams summoned members of the family, nd the intruder escaped by a rear window without any plunder.

A meeting of plasterers was held on Wednesday evening for the purpose of forming a trade union organization, and Michael Shea was appointed permanent president. It was stated that the wages of plasterers in Brooklyn were lower than in almost any other city, having been reduced from

\$2 25 to \$1 25 per day Edward J. Holden & Co., whose file works are on Devoe-st., in the Eastern District, have reduced the wages of their file-cutters 10 per cent, and the latter, following the action of the grain-heavers, have struck work. They were for merly receiving only about \$12 a week, and think that it is impossible for them to live on less.

store of Timothy Cronin, Flatbush, and carried away some of the most valuable slock in the store, valued at \$1,200. This is the second time within a year that the same shop has been robbed, and in each case a covered wagen was seen standing near the premises late in the evening. A joint meeting of the Committees on Teachers

On Wednesday night' burglars entered the shoo

and on Finance of the Beard of Education was held yesterday, to consider the preparation of a new schedule of salaries for teachers. No conclusion was reached, and another meeting will be held soon, but it is not thought that there will be any material reduction in the wages of instructors. A public meeting was held last evening at the

rooms of the newly organized "Good Samaritan" Association for the purpose of securing aid in this project to supply food to the poor at cheap rates. It was stated that \$625 had been contributed to assist the undertaking. The president, A. S. sarnes, and Mayor Schroeder were among those present. Henry M. Conklin, a prominent lumber merchant, who disappeared from his home, at No. 254 Clinton ave., on

Theaday morning, has not yet been found. He took with him when he left home only a small black value containing bustness documents. He was a member of St. Ann's Church, on the Hights, and was well known in both Brooklyn and New-The difficulty between the several factions of

Democrats in the Fifth Ward is growing more serious. The party divisions are led respectively by ex-Aldermen Clancy and Corr. Assemblyman Brailey and Alderman Shannon. On Wednesday night, as Mr. Corr was returning home from meeting of the Constitution Club, and was near his High, near Gold-st., he was attacked and beaten by some of his opponents. His physician said that he had evidently been kicked in the head, and other portions of his body were badly The annual report of the President of the Kings

County Home for inebriates states that only one death oc-curred in the institution during the year, out of the 279 per-sons who were there treated. Of this latter number 230 entered voluntarily, and 54 were women. Mr. Stranahan, in the conclusion of the report, urges the necessity of dipsomaniaes being sent to incitiate asylums rather than to lunatic asy-lums, being of the opinion that in nearly every case a consignment to a inpatic saylem made the drunkard incurable by the shock to his nervous system. Petitions are circulating among the citizens of

Greenpoint, addressed to the president and directors of the projected Glendale and East River Railroad, and asking that Greenpoint be made the western terminus of the road. This railroad is intended to place the citizens of upper New-York within 30 minutes of Coney Island. It will also connect by another route with the Battery, and the two roads uniting south of Prospect Park will run directly to the park and grounds of the company, a full description of which appeared in The TRIBUNE several weeks ago. Serious accusations have been made against one

or more of the agents of the Temperance Brotherhood. James Dorie, a liquor-dealer at No. 76 Taylor-st., in a sworn statement says that a man named Bryson, employed by Offver sioners for a small sum, and told him that an eath before them amounted to nothing. The deponent piles Pelion on Ossa, by affiling that the apostic of temperance drank a glass of whisky with him. Several other complaints of the same character in regard to Bryson have come to the Commis-The Aldermen and Board of City Works are still

discussing the propriety of awarding the contracts for street cleaning to the lowest bidders where they are assured such bidders are not trustworthy or able to execute their work at the proposed prees. Commissioner Sloeum and Alderman Burnet are of the opinion that the charter permits no other course, while Alderman Ray and several others think that the Common Council have full power in the matter, and that the Common Council have into portuniess the contracts are given only to good men. Resolutions were recommended yesterday for adoption by the board that in case the lowest bidder should not enter into the contract from any case, the President of the Board of City Works should recommend the next lowest responsible bidder.

INDEPLOCITY. JERSEY CITY.

The indicted Freeholders will enter their pleas in

James Alexander, who obtained \$600 worth of hair goods under false pretenses, three months ago, and fied to California, returned, and was arrested in Herren It appears that the watchman of the barge Altoona, it the Cardiff dock, lost his hat overboard while intoxicated, and his efforts to regain the hat gave rise to the story of a murrier having been committed. Thomas George was arrested on Seventh-st. yester-

And any on suspicion of having been one of the gang who last day, on suspicion of having been one of the gang who last Tuesday robbed the station at tireenwood, on the Eric Rail way, of 200 tickets, and several pieces of baggage. By a vote of 45 to 42, it was resolved that the By a vote of 45 to 42, it was resolved that the Brat Universalist Church in Ergen, should hereafter have a male paster, depecing the Rev. Phobe A. Hausford. Her tricads will probably leave the church and hold services in a ball.

living on Sixth st., between Grove and Henderson-sts., were yesterday found overcome by coal gas from the stove. Mrs. Cassidy has received, but the doctor has small hopes of saving the others. Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy and their grown son, Michael,

Peter L. Marsch, a cigarmaker of South Twelfth st., was held to ball on Wednesday by Commissioner White head for alleged fraudulent use of revenue stamps. Mrs. Albert P. Kelly of No. 282 Mount Pleasant-ave, rose from the supper table on Wednesday evening as well as usual, when she soudlenly fell back and expired, it is sup-posed from heart disease.

posed from near disease.

A committee of the Board of Trade reported that the Mayor, City Clerk, Anditer, Surveyor, City Comest, Street Commissional, Receiver of Taxes, and some other officials, with their assistants and clerks, should be curtailed in

Mrs. Elizabeth Lahey, age 60, of No. 60 Co Mrs. Edizabeth Laney, age 60, of No, 60 Conditation, committed subcide at her nome yesterizing morning. About 10 o'cleek she entered the house with a pail of water, and two hours afterward was found hanging by the neck from a ratter in the garret. -The deceased wagnan had been insane at intervals for the past two years, and a year ago attempted suicide by impang into a clasern, after which she was conduct in the County Asylum for several months. Her husband was buried on Sanday last, which again unseated her reason. She leaves a ramily of five grown up children.

SUICIDE BY BURNING. St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 1.-Julia Stockfield, a

young woman confined in the county jail at La Crosse, committed suicide last night by setting her clothes on fire with a live coal taken from the stove in the women's department. When first discovered the poor woman was wholly enveloped in flames which were soon extinguished, but not until her clothes were almost entirely burned off her body. She died a few hours later.

RAILROAD LEGISLATION. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.-A dispatch from

San Diego says that the Arizona House to-day passed the bill exempting the Southern Pacific Railroad from taxation for four years, and permitting a charge of 10 cents per mile for passengers, and 15 cents per ton for freight. The council will agree to the bill to-morrow.

A gentleman traveling in Ohio some years

A genticinan travelling in Onio Some years ago turned in at a country tavern for dinner. The barroom was garnished with a dirty weah-basin, a piece of soap the size of a lozenge, and a square yard of crash dimity visible through epidermic deposits. Having slightly wasned, the traveler eyed the rag doubtfully, and then asked the proprietor, "Haven't you, Sir, about the premises, a this year's towel?" A German looked up at the sky, and re-marked: "I guess a leedle it vill rain somedime point queek." "Yees do, eh!" replied in Irishman. "What business have yees to purtend to know about Ameriken weather, ye furrings?"

POSTSCRIPT

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS

THE EASTERN QUESTION. GERMANY AND RUSSIA CONFERRING.

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 2, 1877. The Paris correspondent of The Times mays: "It is gressing between Russia and Germany. Some and that Russia wants to know whether she conid enjoy the fruits of victory if she achieves one. It's serious that Turkey quite comprehended the danger of prolongation of the present state of affairs. A direct satisfaction which might be offered to Russia is therefore being sincerely sought, such as would allay public excitement and justify disarmament by both Russia and Turkey. urkey. Gen. Tehernayeff has arrived at Ventnor, Isle of Wight

LORD STRATFORD'S OPINION. The Times publishes a letter from Lord Stratford De

Redeliffe recommending that the Powers give the re-forms established by Turkey a fair trial. It suggests that the mediating Powers might conclude an agreement to this effect and make official declaration to the pure that they are not only agreed, but vigitant and determined and only for a reasonable time forbearing. SERVIA WAITING FOR COUNSEL

A Times telegram from Belgrade reports that Servis waiting for replies to her appeal to the Western Powers to interfere in her behalf for the purpose of arranging terms with the Porte which shall be satisfactory to both Governments, and not contain stipulations for guaran-tees so repugnant to both Servia and Montenegro. [For Lutest Foreign News see Fifth page.]

THE ASHTABULA BRIDGE

THE LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION-CONCLUSIONS OF THREE CIVIL ENGINEERS AS TO ITS CONSTRUC-TION AND CONDITION-NO WEARNESS WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED AND PRE-VENTED.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 1 .- B. F. Bowen,

Thomas H. Johnson, and John Graham, civil engineers employed by the Legislative committee to investigate the Ashtabula Railroad disaster, have submitted a sworn tatement of the facts ascertained by them. After referring to their calculations on the relative strength of dis ferent parts of the bridge and their observations at the wreck, they submit the following conclusions:

First: That all the tension members had very large factors of safety, and were abundantly able to such all strain that could possibly come upon them in the builder.

factors of safety, and were abundantly able to sussignal strain that could possibly come upon them in the bridge.

Second: That all the compression members, except the counter-braces, were deficient in capacity, having versusal factors of safety.

Third: Considered with reference to the location of the break, it appears that the weakest point in the braces was at the end near the break, and that the weakest point in the top cord was at the center through the top cord. That the point of failure does not sales a state of security much greater than that of the braces. The probability is that the brace failed first, and thereby involved the failure of the top cord also, but inasmuch as both members were weak and were involved in the break, it is of little importance which member, took precedence in the failure. The factors of safety throughout the compression members were so low that failure must have followed sooner or later at this point.

The engineers proceeded to say how failure might have

The engineers proceeded to say how failure might have been prevented at a moderate cost. The remainder of their sworn statement is devoted to a consideration of other defects in the bridge. While these defects were not directly the cause of the failure, they were such as might in themselves have led to failure. They further add that the material, so far as they were able to judge, was of superior quality, and with few exceptions the workmanship was very superior. In conclusion they say that they find nothing in the case to justify the popular apprehension that there may be some inherent defect in the iron as a material for bridges. They find no evidence of weakness in this bridge which could not have been discovered and prevented. their sworn statement is devoted to a consideration of

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INCOME FOR THE YEAR 1876.

ASSETS.

other property

Premiums.
Interest on Bond and Mortgage Louis.
Interest on Premium Notes and other securities.

Interest accrued.....

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Claims by Death and Matured Endowments and Fayment of Annuities (see detailed statement)
Paid Dividents and Purchased Policies
Paid Salaries, Office Agency, \$833,814 62
and other Expenses. 5 70,452 65
Taxes 8,931 51

axes
1cdical Examiner's Fees. 9,725 00
commissions and Advertising. 131,139 45

\$1,606,677 60 \$1,685 03 67,459 04 175,000 00

Cash in Trust Company drawing interest.

Bonds and Mortgages and Interest accrued on same, secured by Real Estate worth double the amount loaned, and protected by Fire Insurance Policies held by the Company, in amount of \$5, 10°,000.

Loans on Policies in force.

(The reserve on each Folley on which loan exists exceeds largely the amount of note on the same.)

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United States and New-York state Stocks.
Peal Estate at Cost.
Quarterly and Semi-annual Premiums deferred, and Premium and Interest in course of collection and transmission.
Temporary Louis on Stocks and Bonds.
(Market value of the Securities, \$1,020,2122.)
Interest due and accrued, and all other property.

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292,945 28 \$10,054,148 49 \$10,054,148 49 \$260,431 89 95,161 47

Gross assets.
Claims by death not yet due
Drydends unpaid, and all other
Hability.
Reserve required on all Policies
in force, combined experience,
4 per cent (Massachusetts rule
of valuation) 8,318,109 CO 8,673,702 M Sarplus as to policy holders.....

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